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WEEK DAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.25	7.10
Yau-mat...	Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin...	Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.21	9.55	11.10	12.40	1.55	5.15	6.10	7.50
Fanling...	Dep.	7.38	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.23	6.18	7.58
Shung-shui...	Dep.	7.58	10.23	11.38	13.08	2.23	5.43	6.38	8.18
Shum-chun...	Dep.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29	8.09

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum-chun...	Dep.	7.21	8.05	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08
Shung-shui...	Dep.	7.28	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanling...	Dep.	7.32	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.46	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin...	Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yau-mat...	Dep.	8.12	8.56	11.30	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon...	Dep.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.25	7.10
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Shatin...	Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
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Fanling...	Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.31	6.26	7.20
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.41	6.36	7.30
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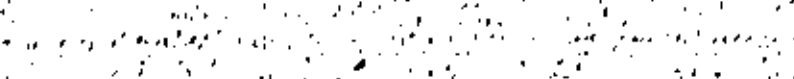
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CHINA'S CUSTOMS REVENUE.

"LIVING IN A FOOL'S PARADISE."

When at the beginning of the present week we set about finding causes, in the midst of apparent trade depression, for the increased Customs revenue of China, representing in the case of Shanghai an increase of 100,000,000 in trade, figures were not available for a complete analysis. This we pointed out and accordingly confined ourselves to a number of general considerations, one of which was that the medium sized firms were doing a larger business than heretofore, while the really big firms were not. This conclusion is strikingly borne out in the weekly business circular issued by Messrs. J. B. & Co., which in addition places a none too favourable construction upon the fact. Tables of the import of cotton piece goods, yarn and woollen cloth are given in the circular mentioned, and adding his conclusions from these, the writer goes on to say:—

"It will be seen from these tables that the importation of cotton cloths into Shanghai was greater than in 1923 by about 4,000,000 pieces, representing say, a value of 15,000,000, and accounting therefore for a possible 1,750,000 increase in revenue. The reduction in importation of yarn would bring this figure down slightly but this would be more than offset by the heavier figures for woollen goods of which 30,000 more pieces were imported at a probable value of 15,000,000, producing an increased revenue of about 15,000,000.

"The inference to be drawn from these figures is that business has once again reverted to the unsound basis which existed in the past, and which has more than once brought disaster to the market here and in the other Treaty Ports. Inquiries prove that many dealers of experience and good standing have had little or no share in the increased imports and in fact had a substantially smaller turn-over in 1924 than in any previous year, and that dealers with nothing to lose if things went against them have been importing indiscriminately with little regard to the state of the market. So long, however, as certain banks can be found to finance business of this nature there can be no remedy to this state of affairs, and the legitimate trader must be content to stand aside until the inevitable liquidation of bankrupt stocks takes place.

"The moral of the situation can be read in the fact that 45 recognized Shanghai native piece goods houses have gone out of existence in the past few weeks. It was already well known in the autumn that most of them could not even produce sufficient funds to pay the import duty on their goods. If this is a correct estimate of the position—and one recognizes that a firm of this standing would be the last to indulge in sensational speculations on the situation in its letter to its clients—it is to be feared that the greater Customs revenue simply means that Shanghai and other ports are living in a fool's paradise. We have seen situations such as this before, and all they have done is to work harm to foreign and Chinese interests alike.—N. C. Daily News.

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Shanghai Cottons	Ts. 12.60 b.
Oriental	(old) Ts. 614
Cemona (combined)	(new) Ts. 420 nom.
China Lights (combined)	\$251 b.
Provident	(old) \$161 b. & ss.
Dairy Farms	(new) \$3.50 b.
Electric	\$26 b.
Hongkong Ropes (combined)	\$144 b. \$141 a.
Tramways	\$53 ss.
Water	(old) \$221 nom. (new) \$14 b.
Peak Tram (old)	\$28 a.

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PLAYS SPOILT BY CURTAIN CALLS.

ABSURDITY OF BOWS FROM "DEAD" PEOPLE.

Is British drama spoilt by the eternal curtain call? Mr. Matheson Lang considers that the whole point of many modern plays is spoilt by the demand for the principals—sometimes at the end of each act.

He gives as an instance the end of the first act of "The Wandering Jew," when the heroine is dying and the Jew, who has spat at the crucified Christ, has been sent repenting into eternal earthly life, the call is singularly inappropriate. "A curtain call which interferes with the sequence of the play should not be tolerated," said Mr. Ivor Novello to a *Daily Express* representative. "Many plays are spoilt entirely by the atmosphere being lost, owing to senseless and reiterated 'curtains'."

Mr. Tom Douglas and Miss Jeanne de Casalis are of opinion that the curtain call is "a curse," which ruins in many cases the whole idea. The man who has committed suicide, for instance, appears and bows three times before the audience. This they regarded as an absurdity, and declared that curtains should be reserved for the end of the play.



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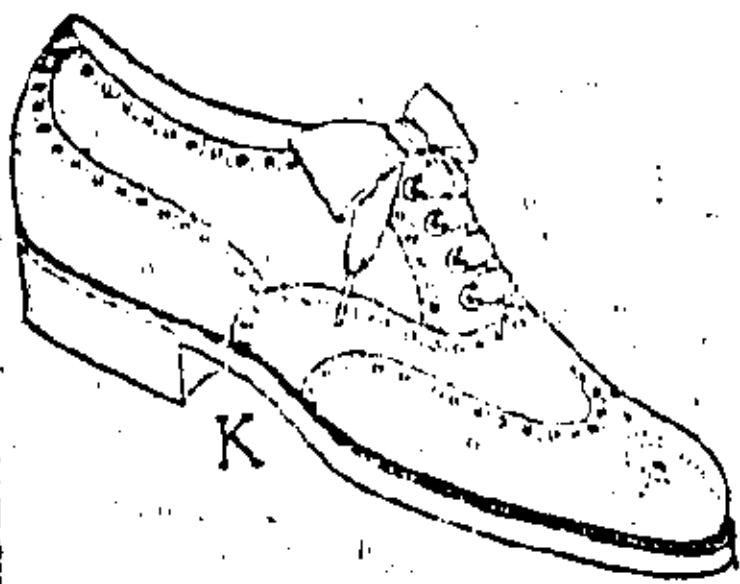
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THE BRITISH IN BURMA.

SIR H. BUTLER'S FIRM SPEECH.

In the course of his first Durban speech at Government House as Governor of Burma Sir Harcourt Butler said that it was too early yet to pass final judgment on the working of the new Constitution which had been launched under conditions of considerable disadvantage owing to the prevalence of unrest and the action of a large section of the public in refusing to co-operate and in boycotting the elections for the Legislative Council. Nevertheless, the reformed Constitution of Burma had already achieved a distinct political advance and the Legislative Council was now conducting business in a spirit of moderation and compromise.

Referring to political unrest, the Governor said that it was engineered by discontented persons, but the people generally were not greatly affected, though attempts had been sedulously made to spread the belief that the British had never been dispossessed, but a rumour apparently need dispelled, that British rule would disappear after the lapse of a century, a period which would shortly have expired. A similar rumour had been current in India in 1857, the year of the Mutiny, in connection with the centenary of the Battle of Plassey. The Governor did not regard it as even a possible contingency that the British would leave Burma within any period worth considering.

The Government would not tolerate any movement subversive of law and order, and of that people could rest assured, as the Government had behind it the whole power of the British Empire. It was sheer madness to think that the Government could be intimidated or forced to ignore its primary duties of governing, of enforcing the law, and of protecting law-abiding citizens. At the same time the Government earnestly desired to meet popular demands in so far as they could be met, and to remove legitimate grievances. Burma had not yet made up her mind regarding separation from India, but it was wholly false to assert that the Government of Burma favoured separation in order to deprive Burma of any reforms that might be granted to India.

In spite of strenuous efforts violent crime continued unabated, but the Governor hoped for an improvement. In conclusion, his Excellency contradicted the oft-repeated story that Burma was being exploited by British firms to her own detriment, and showed that if European firms were to leave there would be an immediate necessity for a general increase of taxation, starvation for many thousands of people, and the relapse of large areas into the wild jungle from which they had been reclaimed.

This speech, says the Times correspondent, is likely to have a sobering effect on the people of Burma, who have lately been carried away by the specious eloquence of Buddhist priests.

MOTOR DAZZLE LAW.

HEAD-LIGHT BEAMS TO BE LOWER.

The Daily Mail understands that the Ministry of Transport intends to reintroduce the Lights on Vehicles Bill in the House of Commons as soon as parliamentary time permits. This Bill, dealing with the problem of dazzle head-lamps on motor-cars, was brought before the House of Lords in 1922, but its passage was then impeded by a general election. The Bill is based on the recommendations of an expert committee, and its most important provisions are:

The limitation of the height of the beams of head-lamps so that they fall below the line of vision of pedestrians and the drivers of approaching vehicles.

The compulsory carrying of rear lamps by motor-cyclists.

It is clear from the letters of motoring "readers," says our London contemporary, that the most pressing problem is whether it is a safer policy for drivers to switch off head-lights or keep them on when approaching each other. On this point there is a conflict of opinion.

A PRACTICAL TEST.

The Motoring correspondent of the paper writes:— "To see which is the more common practice—blacking out or keeping the head-lights on—I took a run last night along the Portsmouth road. In accordance with the policy advocated by the R.A.C. and many motorists, I kept my own head-lights on. During the trial I met 63 cars with what might be described as dazzle head-lights.

"Of this number 37 made no effort to switch off their head-lamps and rely on the side-lamps. Of the 26 who did 'black out' about half a dozen expressed disapproval of my policy as they passed. Two of the 26 drivers signalled full lights just as they came abreast of me. The majority of cyclists passed expressed disapproval of my lights."

"A protest by the driver of a lorry inadequately illuminated with old-fashioned oil lamps took the form of trying to charge me off the road. This is a method which is increasing, and cannot be too strongly condemned. The driver swings his lorry across the road and swerves aside just as the two vehicles come abreast. If the driver of the private car is at all nervous the results might be disastrous."

Among suggested remedies for the solution of the dazzle problem are:

The use of a spot light which can be focused on the near-side edge of the road, thereby enabling the head-lamps to be switched off in safety.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

THE POPULATION OF CANTON.

According to police statistics, the population of Canton, as compiled by police officers from the 13 districts into which the city has been divided, is 866,521, of whom 532,920 are males, and 333,601 females. The population of Canton as reported by the police in 1921, then composed of only 12 districts, was 790,035, some 45,939 being males and 339,096 females. The number of women in Canton City four years ago was 3,503 greater than that given this year. It is generally understood that the population of Canton is always much greater than the police returns show, as a large section of the community has no permanent abode and many firms and shops, as well as families, for various reasons, never fill in the names of all persons in their households. Altogether about 60 low-boats and 80 small steamers with passengers as well as freight call at Canton daily from the country towns, and these form a large part of the non-resident population.

TEA HOUSE HOLIDAYS.

All employees in the tea houses and restaurants of Canton have served notice on their employers that they will stop work for the Chinese New Year holidays on January 20th, or the 26th day of the 12th moon, resuming service on January 27th (4th day of the 1st moon). During these holidays, the senior and junior cashiers, the cooks to the employees, and the janitors of a tea house or restaurant are permitted by the Union to continue work, but they may demand extra pay of \$1 to \$2 daily during the holidays. The Tea House and Restaurant Union has also notified the employers that they shall publish before the holidays the names of all employees to be discharged; otherwise their men are expected to return to their old jobs after the New Year.

THE GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT.

The decision of the district authorities of Fatsien to raise the Bund along the river front by eight feet to avoid the inundations that usually occur in the summer is being opposed by property owners concerned. The grounds for opposition are more economic than technical, it appears, the district authorities having acted on the advice of qualified engineers. Thanks to the Good Road Movement, more than 7,000 miles of motor roads have been built in China in recent years. In Kwangtung Province in the last few years, 19 towns and cities have reported the completion of 867 1/2, or nearly 300 miles, of modern roads. Canton alone has now more than 27 miles and a motor bus service. Some 12 other places in Kwangtung have public motor bus services, in addition to private cars and other motor vehicles.

If the district of Fatsien is able to modernize its Bund, it will have a public highway of about a mile in length that will benefit eventually an area of nearly 3,000,000 square feet of property adjacent to it.

Other places in Kwangtung which are building modern roads include Shuihing, Sunwei, and Toyshan. Only a fortnight ago, the property-owners of the six streets around Sun Sam Hong, or the 13th ward, petitioned the Canton Municipal authorities to hasten the completion of their new roads.

THE BUILDING MATERIAL TRADE.

Canton Press reviews of the brick and other building material trades, state that the business was exceptionally bad during 1924. They point to the fact that no large construction work took place in Canton in 1924, as the Red Army units developed a practice of occupying newly finished houses without paying rent. Many contractors delayed completing building in order that they should be unfit for occupation.

Mr. Hu Han Min, the Civil Governor of Canton, on January 15th, filed with the Procurator-General of Kwangtung Province, a complaint against Mr. Chan Lim Pak, and ten other leading officers of the Canton Merchants' Volunteer Corps, who are described as fugitives from justice. The procurator-general is asked to arraign these volunteer leaders for treason and murder. The Volunteers are indicted by the Bolshevists as Messrs. Chan Lim Pak, Chan Kung Shan, Tang Kpi Shek, Lee Chung Shin, Kwan King Mo, Tang Pui Chi, Wong Shook Ming, Chan Shiu Kwan, To Kwan Ying, Kwan Cho Pok, and Chan Lim Chung.

ST. PAUL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.

LADY SEVERN PRESENTS CERTIFICATES

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The celebration of the Fourth Graduation of the Chung Hok Class and distribution of certificates in connection with the St. Paul's Girls' School took place yesterday morning in the Queen's Theatre.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall presided over a large gathering. Those on the platform included Lady Severn, (who presented the certificates), the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, and Mr. A. R. Cavalier (Inspector of Vernacular Schools).

Miss K. Woo, headmistress, presented her annual report, and said:—

"We are deeply gratified to have with us to-day Lady Severn who has so graciously consented to distribute the certificates, and we thank her most sincerely for this further manifestation of her interest in our School. We wish also to thank the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Chairman of our Building Committee, for presiding in the absence of the Bishop, and the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son for his kindness in coming to give us a short address."

"To-day we celebrate the Fourth Graduation of our Chung Hok Class and the Tenth Anniversary of the School. As we look back, we cannot help feeling regret over the many mistakes which we have made; but, at the same time, we have reason to rejoice and be thankful for the numerous proofs of God's goodness to us, and we look forward with undiminished and encouraged spirit to a yet more brighter future."

"I shall not attempt to give a long report, as a brochure is about to be published giving the steady progress of the School in the history of its ten years' enterprise. But it may not be amiss to make just a few comparisons between the fifth and the tenth year's work."

"During the fifth year the largest number of pupils present in any one month was 170, while for the past year it was 412. Five years ago the graduates numbered but 9; this year there are 18. In 1919 there were only 16 teachers; to-day we have 32, including the visiting teachers. Five years ago, five of our pupils were baptized; the year under review saw ten admitted to the Church."

"With the beginning of another year some changes are to be made. We regret that Mr. Tse, Mr. Au, Mr. Chan, Miss Cheuk, and Miss Loh are leaving us. They have one and all served the School faithfully, and I extend to them my grateful thanks. Messrs. Tse and Au are opening a school of their own, and I wish them every success in their new spheres of usefulness. In their places we have been most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Wong Yu Kung, the Chinese headmaster of St. Paul's College, and of Mr. Poon Ying Ka, whose scholarship and capability as a teacher are not only known in the Kwangtung Province, but throughout China. We are also glad to welcome Miss Mabel Chan and Miss Li Kim Ying, graduates of the South-Eastern University of Nanking, and holders of the B.A. degree. The former was one of our first Chung Hok graduates, and we are proud to have her back with us."

"To Miss Lam Sui Yee, Miss Tong Yai Hing (both of whom also possess the B.A. degree), Miss Hunt, Mrs. Griggs, I wish to express my thanks for their able help during the past year. My warmest thanks are due to Miss Kotewall for acting so successfully as Headmistress during my absence in the Spring, and to Miss Poon Ying Ka, who has graciously accepted the position of drawing teacher. To the teaching staff as a whole I offer my thanks for their hearty co-operation and earnest efforts in the welfare of the School."

"We are greatly indebted to the Board of Directors of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for permitting us the use of the gymnasium for physical culture, and to Mr. Dome in particular for his untiring efforts as instructor, as well as to Mrs. Dome for supplying music for drills."

"To the public in general we express our thanks for having so generously patronized the two bazaar held by us in October and December. Out of the money so raised no less than \$4,500 was given to the Building Fund, \$800 to the M.C.L., and \$200 to the Home Missionary Society."

"Last, but not least, we owe a hearty vote of thanks to the Building Committee, under the able chairmanship of the Hon. Mr. Kotewall, for their untiring efforts and great zeal in helping to raise the sum of \$150,000, which, together with \$50,000 promised by the Government, makes a total of \$200,000. There still remains a deficit of \$100,000. Having had ample proof of the capabilities and sympathetic keenness of our Building Committee in the past, we have not the slightest doubt that they will succeed in obtaining the balance."

"As regards our new building, we expect its completion in another year, and we take this opportunity of thanking all our friends as well as the Building Committee for their efforts and financial support in securing funds to meet initial expenses."

"A few words must be said about the graduating class. I take great pride in declaring that this year's graduates have proved themselves to be usually energetic, especially in regard to charitable work, and to be leaders of no mean ability. During the years of their Chung Hok days they have manifested a fine spirit of co-operation and a genuine spirit of enthusiasm at work or at play. They can be described as shining lights and models which future classes may well emulate, and my one wish for them is that they may ever keep their lights shining."

(Continued on next column.)

THOSE RUSSIAN PONIES!

S.S. "FOOSHING" BRINGS LIVE STOCK FOR CANTON.

When it became known that the Indo-China steamer *Fooshing* had arrived in port on Sunday with a number of ponies on board from Shanghai, Danks Remour soon got busy. It was considerably announced in one quarter that the consignment consisted of 10 Russian half-breeds that had been intended for the annual meeting, but had been delayed owing to the fighting in the North. On Sunday, the announcement was made that the *Fooshing* was to go alongside Jardine's wharf on Monday to discharge the live-stock, which was consigned to the Hong-kong Jockey Club. To give credence to this story it was stated that the ponies would be drawn for as a special class of subscription griffins and that closed races would be arranged for them on the off-day. In Ice House Street yesterday, the knowing ones stated that the consignment would be stabled at the Jockey Club stables, Causeway Bay, and sold by private treaty. Finally, a *Daily Press* man was told that a Russian had brought the consignment down here "on spec" and had made arrangements to keep them in the H.K.J.C. Club stables until he had disposed of them. All the versions smacked of "truth to a certain extent," and at any rate did not do one any harm. The facts are that the consignment consists of 10 pukka China ponies for Canton where they are wanted for paper hunts. It is true that the manager of the H.K.J.C. stables (and his assistant) did go on board the s.s. *Fooshing* and have a look at the ponies. It is probably true that he did so, because Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. had not been advised whether the ponies were to be transhipped here or not. Some-one—possibly quite unconsciously—has been the cause of a colossal "leg-pull."

Among those sold a pup was "Argus," though he strongly denies having visited the *Fooshing* on the look-out for Russian half-breeds. He asserts he went to inspect a pony called "Press Brate," which has been expected from the North for some time. It is rumoured that the pony has been acquired by the Double Two Syndicate.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

In "Woman's Place," the First National attraction at the Queen's Theatre, Constance Talmadge enacts the part of Josephine Gordon, belle of the town, who, on her return from Paris, is made to run as candidate for mayor. The election contest is one of the most amusing ever conceived, and Miss Talmadge is said to be as whimsical and charming as ever. The story was written by John Emerson and Anita Loos especially for the talented Constance. The production was directed by Victor Fleming.

The Manila Vanderville Co. are extending their engagement here and are giving an entire new programme of songs and dances for the next four days. The singing and dancing of Misses Miami, Dimple and Millie continue to draw and are applauded by the fans every-time they appear. The Alabama Bros. (Dick and Raymond) also continue to amuse.

THE CORONET.

Six beautiful artists' models, three Muses, Spanish Gypsy musicians, and other character types appear in the gorgeous banquet scene of Gloria Swanson's new Paramount Picture, "My American Wife"—a Sam Wood production, which comes to the Coronet Theatre to-day. Light effects which are unusually charming add to the beauty of the setting, which represents a dilettante's home built on the art studio idea, in Buenos Aires. In a sort of alcove, three lovely girls as muses, play on harps and other instruments. Across the centre of the room, which is divided by three arched openings, are drawn heavy red plush hangings, which when pulled aside disclose the banquet hall with oval tables and in the centre an opening with a run-down upon which the winning race horse, garlanded with flowers, is led into the centre of the room, where is provided a great antique Spanish chest containing choice viands of an equine nature. Another popular item in the programme will be Chaplin's well-known comedy "The Floor-Walker."

(Applause.) I congratulate the seven girls who have succeeded in winning the brochures awarded to those who have attended the school for seven or more years.

In conclusion, I desire to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Yuan and the Directors of the Queen's Theatre for granting us the free use of the theatre, and to Mr. Tam Sue Cheuk for his kind assistance in arranging the place."

Lady Severn then presented the certificates, and the Hon. Mr. Crow Shou Son addressed the gathering in Chinese.

THE GRADUATES.

The list of graduates was as follows:—
Chung Hok Class.—Chan Sui Law, Yue Sau Ping, Tong Suk Woon, Li Yue Han, Cheng Sing Tak, Chang Fook Hon, Yung Chee Yee, Li Sue Chang, Ip Sau Feon, Li Mar Che, Yeung Suk Teun, Au Yue Eik, Tsui Chuk Ying, Wong Wei Xue Lam Yim Ho, Kna Ma Ching, Cheung Wei Fong and Kan Yuen Lan.

Upper Primary.—Tsui Sue Han, Chung Cheuk Bin, Wong Pui Fong, Kwok Shoung Lie, Kwong Mei Har, Chan Sui Man, Leung Sau Ching, Leung Lin Oi, Ching Tai Fong and Fung Pui Kwan.

The following entertainment was given by the scholars:—
Pupils: School Song, "The Little Indians," Action Song, "The Chung Hok Girls," Wand Drill, "Chung Hok Girls," Action Song, "Round and Round the Village," and "Visiting Game."

MEDICAL CONFERENCE.

FIRST FUNCTION TO-DAY.

LIST OF OFFICIALS.

The first function, to be held in connection with the Joint Conference of the China Medical Missionary Association and the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association, takes place at the City Hall this evening, when there will be a special congregation of the University of Hongkong for conferring honorary degrees. Tea will be served at 4 p.m., and the degree ceremony will take place an hour later.

The delegates to be honoured are four in number, and will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. They are Dr. H. P. Houghton, Principal of the Peking Union Medical College, Dr. Muir, head of the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine, Dr. P. B. Cousland, of Shanghai, and Dr. E. H. Hume, of Tsinanfu.

The actual opening of the Conference will take place to-morrow. The Conference officials are as under:—

President.—C.M.M.A., Dr. John Kirk, F.R.C.S. (Edin.), Canton; B.M.A., Dr. G. E. Aubrey, M.D., Hongkong.

Vice-Presidents.—C.M.M.A., Dr. F. C. Yen, M.D., Changsha; B.M.A., Surgeon-Capt. Burniston, R.N., C.M.G., Hongkong.

Secretaries.—C.M.M.A., Dr. J. L. Maxwell, M.D., Shanghai; B.M.A., Dr. J. L. Shellshar, D.S.O., M.B., Ch.M., University of Hongkong.

Treasurers.—C.M.M.A., Dr. J. L. Maxwell; B.M.A., Dr. J. H. Sanders, M.D., Hongkong.

Official Delegates.—Dr. H. S. Houghton, China Medical Board, Dr. J. Stump, International Health Board, Dr. E. K. S. Lim, National Medical Association of China, Dr. P. E. Sheppard, B.M.A. (New South Wales Branch), Prof. Dr. Taro, Matsui, A.M., M.D., Manchurian Medical College (Mukden), Dr. J. S. Wain, Hongkong Chinese Medical Association, Dr. Tsu Zong Fung, National University of Peking, Dr. Lim Boon Keng, University of Amoy, and Miss C. E. Simpson and Mrs. P. J. Todd, Nurses' Association of China.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

The reception committee is composed of the members of the Court of the University of Hongkong together with the hosts of the visitors, whose names are appended below:—

The Court.—H.E. the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. B. Addison, Mr. A. M. Barlow, Mr. B. D. F. Rait, Mr. Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Mr. C. H. Siu Ki, Prof. K. H. Digby, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Prof. L. Forster, Mr. Fung Ping Shan, Dr. R. M. Gibson, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Prof. J. W. Hinton, Mr. Ho Fook, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kote-wall, Hon. Mr. Mol. Messer, Mr. Mok Kong Sen, Mr. G. N. Orme, Sir H. Pollock, Dr. T. W. Pearce, Sir Claude Severn, Prof. Middleton Smith, Mr. M. F. Talati, Dr. T. S. Wan, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. J. E. Wood, Mr. Yu Tong Sen and Mr. Ho Kwong.

Also, Mr. N. J. Austin, Mr. E. F. Aueott, Mr. M. E. F. Airey, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. A. Brearley, Mr. N. S. Brown, Mr. L. Baines, Mr. A. R. Cavalier, Mr. F. McD. Courtney, Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. D. H. Cameron, Mr. E. Cook, Mrs. O. Cooper, Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. O. W. Darch, Miss Elliott, Dr. J. Fenton, Mr. A. H. Fenwick, Mr. A. S. Hett, Rev. W. H. Hewitt, Mr. A. W. Hughes, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, Mr. H. T. Jackson, Mr. P. Lauder, Mr. Granville Murray, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Dr. I. E. Mitchell, Mrs. Mackenzie, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Mr. J. A. Shaw, Rev. A. Stewart, Rev. C. B. Shann, Miss Middleton Smith, Mr. P. H. Tyson, Mr. S. G. Williamson, Mr. W. E. R. Wade and Mr. G. M. Young.

The President and members of the British Medical Association, the President and members of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association, Consul-General for U.S.A. (Mr. J. Carleton), Consul-General for Japan (Mr. S. Takahashi), President and Secretary Hongkong Club, President and Secretary Royal Hongkong Golf Club, President, Peak Club, President and members, Helena May Institute, and the Chairman and members, Hongkong University Union.

SECTIONAL CHAIRMEN.

The Sectional Meetings of the Conference have been placed under the control of a joint chairmanship, each chairman acting as secretary for the section on behalf of the Association he represents, as under:—

General Medicine.—C.M.M.A.: Dr. W. W. Cadbury, Canton Christian College, B.M.A.: Prof. John Anderson, Hongkong University.

Pharmacology.—C.M.M.A.: Prof. B. E. Reed, Peking Union Med. Clge. B.M.A.: Dr. C. W. McKenny, Government Civil Hospital, Hongkong.

General Surgery.—C.M.M.A.: Dr. O. Thomson, Canton Hospital, B.M.A.: Prof. K. H. Digby, Hongkong University.

Ophthalmology.—C.M.M.A.: Dr. H. Howard, Peking Union Med. Clge. B.M.A.: Dr. J. Morrison, Union Buildings, Hongkong.

Ear, Nose and Throat.—C.M.M.A.: Dr. Thacker Neville, Changsha, B.M.A.: Dr. S. S. Strahan, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong.

Radiology.—C.M.M.A.: Dr. J. L. Harvey, Canton Hospital, B.M.A.: Dr. J. Magowan, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong.

Obstetrics and Gynecology.—C.M.M.A.: Dr. J. Wright, Canton Hospital, B.M.A.: Dr. Arthur Woo, China Buildings, Hongkong.

Anthropology.—C.M.M.A.: Prof. D. Black, Peking Union Med. College, B.M.A.: Prof. J. L. Shellshar, Hongkong University.

Physiology.—C.M.M.A.: Dr. P. S. Evans (Jr.), Shantung Christian University, B.M.A.: Prof. H. G. Earle, Hongkong University.

Public Health.—C.M.M.A.: Dr. F. Old, Canton Hospital, B.M.A.: Dr. J. B. Addison, P.C.M.O., Hongkong.

Parasitology.—C.M.M.A.: Dr. E. C. Faast, Peking Union Med. College, B.M.A.: Dr. E. P. Minett, Government Bact., Hongkong.

PEKING DELEGATES DUE TO-DAY.

Among the passengers expected to arrive to-day on the a.s. *President Lin* to attend the Joint Medical Conference of the British Medical Association and the China Medical Missionary Association is a delegation of eight foreign and four Chinese members of the Peking Union Medical College of the Rockefeller Foundation.

The following is the list of delegates:—

Dr. H. S. Houghton, the Director.

Dr. A. M. Dunlap, Professor of Otolaryngology.

Dr. H. J. Howard, Professor of Ophthalmology.

Dr. E. C. Faust, Associate Professor of Parasitology.

Dr. B. E. Reed, Associate Professor of Pharmacology.

Dr. P. C. Hodges, Associate Professor of Roentgenology.

Dr. J. P. Webster, Associate in Surgery.

Dr. C. E. Lim, Associate in Bacteriology.

Dr. Ruth A. Guy, Associate in Medicine.

Dr. C. U. Lee, Assistant in Medicine.

Dr. Y. K. Wang, Assistant in Pathology.

Dr. Robert S. K. Lim, Visiting Professor of Physiology.

Dr. Robert Lim is bearer of congratulatory messages to the Conference from the Chief Executive Yuan Chi Jui and from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Peking.

Dr. C. E. Lim, who is one of the first medical graduates of the Hongkong University, is also coming as the official representative of the Central Epidemic Prevention Bureau, established by the Ministry of the Interior at Peking with funds from the Customs surplus for the preparation of vaccines and sera. A beautiful show case containing specimens of their biological products, brought for presentation to the University, will be exhibited during the Conference.

KOWLOON MOTOR COLLISION.

EUROPEAN POLICE OFFICERS INJURED.

Sub-Inspector A. Hutchins, in charge of the Sham Shui Po Police Station, is at present a patient at the Government Civil Hospital as the result of a motor accident in Kowloon on Saturday morning.

He was riding in the side-car of a motor-cycle driven by Sub-Inspector Bloor of the Kowloon City Station, when, close to the Dairy Farm's premises in Nathan Road, the machine collided with a P.V.D. motor-truck, which swerved suddenly in the roadway in front.

The force of the impact was sufficiently great to throw both Inspectors into the road, and their injuries were immediately treated at the Kowloon Government Dispensary close at hand. Inspector Bloor was not so badly hurt as his companion, who received injuries to his arm and leg which necessitated his removal to hospital.

On enquiry at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday a *Daily Press* representative was informed that Inspector Hutchins was progressing satisfactorily. Inspector Lanigan, of the Central Station, is at present in charge of Sham Shui Po.

STREET STABBING MYSTERY.

CHINESE KILLED BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS.

PURSE WITH \$150 UNTOUCHED.

Mystery surrounds the murder by stabbing in Kwong Yuen Street East late on Sunday night of a 22-year-old Chinese, employed by a firm of piece goods dealers. He was found lying in a pool of blood and taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where he died at about noon yesterday.

Before the end came, the man was able to give police officers a short account of the murderous attack on him. His assailants were apparently two in number, for the dying man stated that one individual struck him in the chest with a knife, while another dealt him a blow in the back. He declared that he knew neither of the men by sight.

That robbery was not the motive for the crime is evident from the fact that a sum of \$150, which the deceased was carrying in a purse, was untouched by the assailants. No arrests have so far been made.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE.]

SEQUEL TO BUS ACCIDENT.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

DRIVER AND INSPECTOR IN THE DOCK.

As a sequel to a bus accident on the Kowloon City Road on November 30th, in which a Chinese passenger was killed, a motor bus driver and an inspector of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Co., were charged with manslaughter at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before Sir Henry Gollan.

The Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. K. Holmes) prosecuted, and pointed out that the evidence would prove that at six o'clock in the morning the bus was running from Kowloon City, when it overturned on a bridge, and a man was killed and several persons were injured. When the accident occurred the inspector was with the driver in the front, because the latter had complained that there were too much play in the steering wheel. Different stories were told by the prisoners, but the Crown alleged negligence against both men. After the accident, the bus was examined by an expert who found no mechanical fault which might have caused the bus to leave the road.

Mr. J. Smith, of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, giving evidence, said when he made an examination of the bus he found no mechanical fault. He made an examination of the front axle to find out whether it was possible that the nuts had fouled, but he could find no trace of that having occurred. There would have been marks to show had fouling taken place. The tyre and brake were saturated with grease, making the hand-brake ineffective. The brakes were not on, but it was probable that they had been on and the jar when the car fell over took them off. The steering gear was slack, but there was a general slackness about steering gears as kept by local Chinese drivers. Most gears were so slack that the wheel had to be kept moving continually in order to keep the bus straight.

A Chinese woman passenger said she got into the bus at Sung Wan Hill, and a short while later she saw No. 2 prisoner, the inspector, push the driver aside and take the wheel. There was a short period when there was no one at the wheel. Almost immediately after No. 2 took the wheel the bus went over the edge.

Another passenger said he saw No. 2 take the wheel, and from then to the time the bus went over the edge there was "only time enough to light a cigarette."

Inspector J. Ogg said that he visited the scene, and saw the wheel marks where the bus had swerved from the right hand side of the road to the left. The first prisoner, in a statement made to the police when charged, said he was just going back to the depot. The second said that the first told him the steering gear was loose, and he tried it to see whether it was alright.

Mr. N. I. Brewer, who defended, called the first prisoner, who said that the second prisoner had the power to send his bus back to the depot. He told the inspector on this day that something was wrong with the gears, and the inspector took charge of the wheel, pushing him out of the way. He gave up the wheel reluctantly. When the inspector took the wheel the bus swerved and went over the edge.

Cross-examined, he denied that he willingly gave the wheel to the inspector. He was never instructed by the Company that inspectors were never to take over the wheel.

At this stage his Lordship adjourned the case until this morning.

[BEFORE THE JUSTICE.]

ARMS CHARGE.

When Chan Sik Tim was charged, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, with the possession of arms, Mr. F. C. Jenkin who appeared for the prisoner, said that the latter was a well-known merchant in Kowloon and was well-known in Hongkong. He was a partner in several peanut oil manufacturing firms, and also in a piece goods firm. In addition to this he was commander of half the Merchant Volunteers at Kowloon. There could be no suggestion that Mr. Chan Sik Tim had the revolver for a felonious purpose. He wished to apply to his Lordship for an adjournment until the February Sessions and also for bail.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg (Assistant Crown Solicitor) mentioned that the Secretary for Chinese Affairs thought that bail of \$5,000 was suitable.

His Lordship adjourned the case until February, and granted bail in \$2,500.

FOUR MEN SENTENCED.

Four men were charged with possessing arms, and pleaded guilty, and his Lordship passed sentence of seven years' imprisonment with hard labour in each case.

NOT GUILTY OF ARMS CHARGE.

Chau Chat was charged with being in possession of 150 rounds of ammunition, which were discovered in parcels he was carrying in Des Vaux Road. Prisoner pleaded "not guilty," saying that a friend had asked him to take the parcels to Kowloon, and he did not know what they contained.

The Jury found prisoner not guilty, and he was discharged.

THEFT OF THREE HORNS.

Leung Yuen was charged with being concerned in the robbery by two or more of a rhinoceros horn and two deer horns from a foki on December 10th. He was further charged with using violence.

Mr. Hazlerigg said he understood these horns were used for medicinal purposes, and they were valued at about \$145. The horns were stolen from a foki named Lui Khan, who was employed by the Pak San Tong medicine shop, No. 43, Bonham Strand West. Prisoner, it seemed, had been acquainted with the foki for some time, but prisoner denied this. Three witnesses, however, would say he was acquainted with the foki, and that on two occasions he was seen at the shop. On the day in question prisoner called twice at the shop and asked for the foki. He said he was desirous of buying the horns, and eventually a price was fixed. After their bargaining, it was alleged that prisoner stayed at the shop and had an evening meal there. The foki returned to the shop during the meal, and it was decided that he should take the goods and accompany prisoner to the latter's home, where prisoner would pay for the horns and the foki would hand them over to him.

About eight o'clock they left the shop and went to No. 536, Queen's Road West, where prisoner said he lived. When they reached the landing prisoner stopped the foki and said he had something to say to him. Suddenly someone threw pepper into the foki's eyes and the articles in his hands were snatched from him. He heard some one running down the stairs and he rushed into the street. Here he saw prisoner running away. He blew a police whistle he had and gave chase and eventually caught the man. Police responded to the call and prisoner was arrested, and the parcel containing the horns was found in the street. When charged at No. 7 Police Station, prisoner accused a man named Chan Tong, but Chan Tong proved that he was not in the vicinity at the time the robbery took place, and prisoner in another statement said that Chan Tong was not the robber.

Evidence was given by the accountant of the shop, the master of the shop, and the foki who was robbed of the horns, and Police evidence by a sergeant and a Chinese constable.

The Jury found prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour.

THREATENING LETTERS.

MEAT-ROASTER SENT TO PRISON.

Lei Shing, described as a meat roaster, was charged with the delivery of a threatening letter.

Mr. Hazlerigg said that on November 29th, prisoner entered the Wing Cheung shop in Des Vaux Road Central. There was a counter on one side of the shop, and near this the master of the shop was standing, while a foki was on the other side of the shop. Prisoner put a letter on the counter and left the shop without saying a word. The letter was picked up by the master of the shop. This was one of several letters demanding money and threatening the master of the shop unless he paid over the sum of money required.

At this stage prisoner stopped the proceedings. "Don't go on," he said, "I have pleaded guilty. Convict me now. Have mercy on me."

His Lordship ordered the case to proceed.

Mr. Hazlerigg said that the master of the shop had received several letters asking for an appointment and if he failed to make an appointment the writer of the letter "had decided to deal with him with guns and put him to death." The letters were all similarly worded, being requests for appointments in various places, and were accompanied by threats.

His Lordship told prisoner he was liable to ten years' imprisonment with hard labour. He would, however, sentence him to five years.

MORE DOG BITES.

POLICE INSPECTOR ATTACKED.

Divisional Inspector Aris is receiving treatment, after being bitten by a dog, which was later captured and taken to Kennedy Town. A Chinese boy, who was similarly bitten at Ship Street, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

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PUBLIC LECTURES.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21st—Lecture 6 P.M. Cathedral Hall, Dr. LUN BOON KING (Amoy) on "Manson, the Pioneer in Tropical Medicine".

FRIDAY, JAN. 23rd—Public Health and Trade Exhibits Open to (University) Public from 3.30 to 5.30 P.M.

MONDAY, JAN. 26th—Lecture 5.30 P.M. Science May Institute, Dr. DAVENPORT Black (Peking): "Prehistoric Anthropology of China".

TUESDAY, JAN. 27th—Lecture 9.15 P.M. City Hall, Dr. JAMES L. MAXWELL: "Sixty Years on a Century of Medical Missions in China". [1747]

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TEST CRICKET.

HOBBS AND HENDREN STILL
BATTLING GARELY.

WOOLLEY AN INJURED LIST.

ADELAIDE, January 19th.

When stumps were drawn this evening, England had scored 270 for the loss of six wickets. Hobbs is still not out with 50 to his credit, while Hendren has so far scored 47.

The weather was fine and hot when play was resumed before a crowd of 10,000. The wicket is still playing well. Overnight England had lost two wickets (Whysall (9), Strudwick (1)) for 33 runs, the not outs being Tate (14) and Chapman (7).

These two carried the score to 57 when Chapman was bowled by Gregory. Hobbs filled the vacancy, but lost Tate, caught by Andrews off Mailey, two runs later.

Sutcliffe then joined Hobbs and the score was carried from 59 to 130 when the former was caught by Oldfield, off Ryder's bowling. Sutcliffe was batting 2½ hours for 33 runs, including 2 fours, and again offered a rock-like decline to the bowling.

Woolley remained with Hobbs until 180 appeared on the board, when he was caught by Andrews off Mailey.

Hendren and Hobbs carried the score to 270.

Hobbs has not given a chance and is credited with a "restrained, resolute magnificent effort." He was batting 50 minutes before reaching 10. He received a great ovation at the close of the day's play.

Hendren batted soundly and was at the wickets for 1½ hours.

It has been a plucky fight for runs, all day, against excellent bowling and fielding.

One of Woolley's knees has filled with fluid and he is unlikely to be able to bowl.

Freeman's wrist has been eased by the rest.

AUSTRALIA.

1st Innings.

H. L. Collins, b Tate	3
A. Richardson, b Kilner	69
J. M. Gregory, b Freeman	6
J. M. Taylor, lb.w., b. Tate	0
M. Ponsford, c Strudwick, b Gilligan	31
V. Richardson, c Whysall, b Kilner	4
J. S. Ryder, not out	201
T. J. E. Andrews, b Kilner	72
C. Kelleway, c Strudwick, b Woolley	16
W. A. Oldfield, lb.w., b. Kilner	47
A. Mailey, st. Strudwick, b Hendren	27
Extras	13
Total	459

FALL OF WICKETS.

1/10, 2/10, 3/22, 4/114, 5/116, 6/119, 7/253, 8/304, 9/410, 10/480.

Bowling Analysis.

	R.	W.
Tate	43	2
Gilligan	17	1
Freeman	107	1
Woolley	135	1
Kilner	127	4
Hobbs	11	0
Whysall	9	0
Hendren	27	1

ENGLAND.

1st Innings.

W. W. Whysall, b Gregory	9
M. W. Tate, c Andrews, b Mailey	27
H. Strudwick, c Gregory, b Kelleway	1
A. F. Chapman, b Gregory	29
J. B. Hobbs, not out	68
H. Sutcliffe, c Oldfield, b Ryder	33
F. E. Woolley, c Andrews, b Mailey	10
E. Hendren, not out	47
Extras	12
Total (for 6 wickets)	270

FALL OF WICKETS.

1/9, 2/12, 3/67, 4/100, 5/150, 6/180.

EGYPTIAN POLITICS.

POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS IS DECREED.

CAIRO, January 18th.

The King has decreed the postponement of the election of the delegates until February 2nd and of the deputies until March 12th.

BENEVOLENT BEQUEST.

MR. GEORGE MACPAIN'S GIFT TO STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

LONDON, January 19th. The late Mr. George Macpain, formerly of Messrs. Boustead & Co. of Penang and Singapore, has left estate valued at £20,180. He bequeathed £2,000 to the Straits Settlement Benevolent Society.

LATEST CABLES.

KHALIFAT CONGRESS.

WAR AND POLITICS CAUSE
POSTPONEMENT.

CAIRO, January 19th.

It is authoritatively stated that the Council, composed of a number of Grand Ulama, under the presidency of Sheikh Ul Islam and the rector of the Al-Azhar Mosque, have decided to adjourn for a year the proposed general Moslem Khalifat Congress at Cairo in March next.

The reasons given are:—

- (1) Certain interested Moslem countries have suggested that the Council despatch envoys to explain the exact objects of the Congress.
- (2) The Hedjaz, which must be represented as well as other Arab countries, is at present in a state of war, the end of which is not yet in sight.
- (3) Egypt, which initiated the meeting and organisation of the Congress, is at present absorbed in parliamentary elections.

EARLIER CABLES.

TROTSKY AND COMMUNISM.

DENIES HE WANTS REVISION OF
LENINISM.

MOSCOW, January 18th.

A semi-official plenary session between the executive committee and the central control committee of the Russian Communists has passed a resolution that, owing to Trotsky's attitude towards Leninism, it is impossible that he shall retain control of the army or a post on the revolutionary war council, and warning him that unless he submits to party discipline he will be removed from the political bureau and executive committee.

This resolution was followed by the reading of a statement by Trotsky, who was unable to be present owing to illness.

LATEST CABLES.

TEXT OF STATEMENT.

MOSCOW, January 19th.

Trotsky's statement, read at the Communist Party Executive Meeting, denied he favoured any revision of Leninism or had belittled Lenin. Far from being refractory to discipline, he was ready to accomplish any task imposed by the Party, but recent discussions necessitated his being relieved of his post of President of the War Council.

IRON DISCIPLINE UPHOLD.

A resolution was adopted at the meeting and affirmed that iron discipline had always been the most valuable Communist weapon, and Trotsky's repeated attacks on Bolshevism compelled action. It accused Trotsky of making himself the mouthpiece of the small bourgeoisie. His anti-Leninist views about peasants were especially dangerous because they undermined the confidence of the peasants in the Soviet Policy. The resolution concluded by declaring Trotsky's submission was a pure formality, as he had not admitted his errors.

LATEST CABLES.

BY AIR TO SAHARA.

THE FRENCH MISSION RESUMES
FLIGHT.

PARIS, January 19th.

The two aeroplanes, whose departure to Sahara has been delayed several times because of unfavourable weather conditions, started yesterday. One plane is piloted by Major Palletier d'Oisy.

EARLIER CABLES.

EARLY WINDS UNFAVOURABLE.

PARIS, January 18th. The French military mission, including Colonels Degoy and Vuillemin, and Major Dossy and Captain Dagnaux, who are attempting to fly from Paris to Lake Chad in two four-engined Blériot aeroplanes, started at 11.45 this morning in splendid weather.

Paris, Later.

The air mission to Lake Chad landed at Camp D'Avord, in the department of the Cher, owing to unfavourable winds.

LATEST CABLES.

OBITUARY.

GENERAL LAUREZAC.

PARIS, January 19th. The death is announced today of General Laurezac, who commanded the Fifth French Army at the beginning of the war. The defeat of this army at the battle of Charleroi entailed the British retreat from Mons. General Laurezac was removed from his command but held the opinion that he was made the scapegoat for disasters for which he was in no way responsible.

EARLIER CABLES.

VICTORIOUS "ALL BLACKS."

NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TEAM
DEFEAT FRANCE.

TOULOUSE, January 18th.

The "All Blacks" beat France at "rugger" by 30 points to 6.

The match was played in brilliant sunshine, before an attendance of thirty thousand. The French adopted the New Zealand formation. The "All Blacks" soon attacked. The first try was scored by an "All Black" forward, White, from scrum, but was not converted. Lucas scored the second try, which was converted. A fine combined movement by the "All Blacks" backs resulted in Svenson scoring a try, which was unconverted. Two more "All Black" tries followed in quick succession, the second by Richardson. Both were unconverted. The score at half time was 17 to 0.

On the resumption, the French took the offensive, Cassayet and Ribeyre successively getting across, but both place kicks failed. With the score at 17 to 6, and the retirement of Irvine, injured, the "All Blacks" were spurred to a mighty effort, which resulted in two tries in rapid succession, one of which was converted. The French made a last desperate rally, but were unable to stop the New Zealanders scoring another try, which was converted, a few minutes before the final whistle.

The "All Blacks" scorers in the first half were Porter, Steel, Svenson, White and Richardson, one try each; and in the second half Irvine one and Cooke two. Nicholls took three successful place kicks.

SPECIE SHIPMENTS.

NEW YORK SENDS GOLD AND
SILVER TO U.K.

LONDON, January 18th.

Bar gold valued at over six million dollars and silver worth \$27,000 has arrived at Plymouth aboard the United States liner *George Washington*, from New York.

It is consigned to London, but half the gold is for Bombay.

ELECTIONS IN ITALY.

NEW LAW FOLLOWS BRITISH
MODEL.

ROME, January 18th.

With the abolition of plural voting, which was part of Signor Mussolini's original Bill but was withdrawn with the Government's consent, the new electoral law follows the general principles of the English electoral law in every particular.

An important change is the reduction of the period that must elapse between the dissolution of the Chamber and a new election, from three months to twenty days, thus giving the Cabinet a better chance of choosing psychologically a suitable moment to hold the elections.

FRANCE AND JAPAN.

ECONOMIC MISSION LEAVING
PARIS IN FEBRUARY.

PARIS, January 18th.

The French Economic Mission to Japan is completed. It will be headed by M. Ader, chief of the engineering department of the Civil Service, assisted by M. Jordan head of the Far Eastern section of the National Office of Foreign Trade.

They will be accompanied by experts in metallurgy, chemical products, motor cars, railways, electricity, textiles, aeroplane construction and house building.

The Mission is to leave on February 12th, and will probably remain in Japan two months.

AUSTRALIAN SEAMEN.

UNION MEN UP AGAINST GOVERNMENT AND OWNERS.

MELBOURNE, January 18th.

Following the Government's application on January 15th, the shipowners are also applying for de-registration of the Seamen's Union.

A meeting in the Socialists' Hall has been held, against the arrest of the seamen's leader, Mr. Walsh, and thirty-four members of the steamship *Maerli*. A Seamen's Union official declared that if the Commonwealth Government wanted to smash the Union, the latter would not hesitate to play their trump card. They had already received offers of assistance from New Zealand and also from English and foreign seamen.

LEGISLATION IN BENGAL.

CALCUTTA, January 18th.

Lord Lytton has certified the Bill providing for an appeal to the High Court from a tribunal of three Judges.

POLITICAL SITUATION

IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH STEAMERS FIRED AT.

TWO B. & N. VESSELS TARGETS FOR
CHINESE.

SHANGHAI, January 19th.

The British steamer *Wanchow*, owned by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire was heavily shelled 7 miles above Chinkiang, on Friday. One shell passed just over the bridge, but did not hit it. The vessel was forced to return to Nanking, whence H.M.S. *Scout* finally escorted her and two other British steamers to Shanghai. Another of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's steamers, the *Yangtze* from Tientsin was also shelled when passing Wosung forts this morning, but was not hit.

AMERICA SENDING FLEET.

MANILA, January 19th.

The United States Asiatic Fleet, excluding the submarines, left here today bound for Shanghai.

[FROM THE "DAILY SUFFRAN"]

SHANGHAI THREATENED.

SHANGHAI, January 18th.

It is reported that Chi Hsiang Yuan's followers have been completely routed at Chinkiang, and are in full retreat. Chi Hsiang Yuan has sent all his reserves and his general staff to Soochow, where he hopes to establish a defence line, but it is doubtful whether that line will hold.

All leave has been stopped in foreign naval vessels in Shanghai, the men being held aboard ready for emergencies.

All the Settlement Volunteers are standing by, as there is the possibility of Chi Hsiang Yuan's forces falling back on Shanghai.

CHANG RETURNS ROLLING-STOCK.

PEKING, January 18th.

Replying to a telegram from the Ministry of Communications, Chang Tso Lin says that all the rolling-stock recently used by the Fengtien troops has been returned to the Peking-Mukden Railway, and that the Fengtien troops returning to Mukden, are marching on foot.

MORE PEKING MANDATES.

PEKING, January 19th.

Mandates issued last night abolish the posts of Tuchen of Shensi, Kansu, Shansi and Sinkiang, and make the following appointments:—Li Ching Lin, Tuppen of Military and Rehabilitation Affairs in Chihli; and similarly Yen Hsi Shun, Shansi; Li Hung Tao, Kansu; Liu Chen Hua, Shensi; Yang Tsang Hsin, Sinkiang; and Chang Tsung Chang, Chief of Bandit Suppression in Kiangsu, Anhui and Shantung.

Lu Yang Hsiang, Pacification Commissioner for Anhui and Kiangsu, has been appointed Tuppen of Military Affairs for Kiangsu, vice Han Kuo Chan, and Feng Peng Ten has been appointed Tuppen of Kiangsu.

LATEST CABLES.

FORD STARTLES AMERICA.

PURCHASES STEEL RAILS FROM
BELGIUM.

NEW YORK, January 19th.

European steel manufacturers are now seriously competing with American manufacturers on the latter's ground. American manufacturers are startled at Mr. Henry Ford's recent purchase of steel rails from Belgium, which is the first import of steel for many years.

Now the Interborough Rapid Transit Company is considering buying rails abroad and several foreign agents are negotiating for the order.

EARLIER CABLES.

DAWES' PLAN AND U.S.
LIVELY DISCUSSION EXPECTED IN
AMERICAN SENATE.

WASHINGTON, January 18th.

A debate in which the Paris agreement is likely to be severely criticised, is expected to follow the submission of a resolution before the Senate by the Californian, Senator Johnson, calling on the State Department to furnish the text of the recent Paris agreement.

Mr. Johnson declares that a compact whereby America shares the Dawes payments would compel her to assume responsibility for enforcement in the event of Germany's defaulting.

It is understood that Senator Borah will favour the resolution.

RECOVERY OF POUND.

WASHINGTON, January 18th.

The pound sterling will return to par in the postal service on January 22nd. The conversion rate on postal and money orders payable in Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa will be 4.87 dollars.

ANOTHER NURMI RECORD.

NEW YORK, January 18th.

The Finnish champion P. Nurmi has won a two thousand metres race in 6 minutes and 33 seconds, a world's record for indoor racing.

This is the eighth record the Finn has broken since he came to America, and the fifth within fifty hours.

PERSHING IN ARGENTINE.

BUENOS AIRES, January 18th.

General Pershing has arrived. He was greeted by the Foreign Minister and other leading officials.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

REMARKABLE STORY OF THOUGHT
TRANSFERENCE.EPIDEMIC OF "CAT" BURGLARIES
IN THE WEST END.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, December 18th.

THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

I learn that the Government have made up their minds to use the balance of the Boxer indemnity owing to this country in a way different from that decided upon by the late Labour Government. As is well known the previous proposal was to devote the money to the education of young Chinese students either in China or in this country or in both, this being regarded as a means whereby benefits would accrue to both Great Britain and China. No public statement has as yet been made with regard to the intentions of the Cabinet, but it is understood that the idea that finds favour is a scheme of expenditure on some kind of technical education in China, or on a railway in the Yangtze region, and on missionary work.

The Government have introduced a Bill to regulate the matter, but the Bill has not yet been printed, and until it is one cannot say more on the subject. There is time for those responsible to change their minds. It may be remarked, however, that Mr. Bertrand Russell and Mr. Lewis Dickinson have been removed from the Advisory Committee appointed to deal with the expenditure of the Boxer indemnity. The reason given for this is that in the opinion of the Foreign Office members of the Committee should be men with a thorough knowledge of China. Mr. Russell spent a year in China, mainly at Peking University, and is generally regarded as possessing a good knowledge of higher education in China. His removal from the Committee is regarded as a proof that the Government have intentions other than educational for the disposal of the indemnity.

THE DUTCH AND SINGAPORE.

A few days ago a London paper stated that the Dutch have schemes under consideration for the defence of national interests in the Indian Archipelago consequent on the British decision to proceed with the naval base at Singapore. But I am informed that this statement is incorrect. Naturally the Dutch are interested in the proposed developments in the Far East, and are watching events. That, however, is all that can be said about the subject.

It may be recalled that last year the Dutch Chamber rejected a scheme intended to place Holland in a position to defend Dutch possessions in the East Indies in the event of war in that region; but the defence of her neutrality is all that Dutch policy aims at. There is a belief in Holland that no power would deliberately set out to interfere with the Dutch East Indies, and the rulers of Holland may be trusted not to afford any pretext to any nation to think a violation of Dutch neutrality is considered a possibility.

WIRELESS FOR SINGAPORE.

I hear that the Government, having decided to proceed with the naval base at Singapore, will erect a powerful wireless station there. This was part of the original scheme for a wireless chain, and steps are being taken to carry out the original idea. The station will be capable of communicating in all directions, and will not, therefore, be of the beam type.

THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE.

A lively discussion on thought transference has been raised as a result of experiments recently carried out in the home of Mr. Gerald Balfour, brother of Earl Balfour, with Professor Gilbert Murray as the star performer. Professor Murray has tried his powers as a thought reader in his private circle for years—since 1916, to be exact—and out of 230 experiments 85 were successful, 55 partially successful, and 90 failures. He does not lay claim to occult powers, or any other wonderful gifts or faculty, in fact, he is reluctant to undertake experiments, and according to his friend, the celebrated Sir Oliver Lodge, he is "a sceptic about them."

Now, what happened at Mr. Gerald Balfour's house was that seven people sat in the drawing-room with the door shut. One of the seven was Earl Balfour, and another was Mr. Piddington, President of the Society of Psychical Research. Professor Murray was in the dining-room, which was separated from the drawing-room by a large apartment 30 feet wide. The drawing-room door was also shut. One of the party of seven said in a very low voice that he was thinking of Queen Victoria learning that she was next in succession to the throne. Professor Murray was brought into the room, and Mr. Piddington held him lightly by the hand. The Professor said: "It is something in a book. No; it is a picture. It is the news coming to Queen Victoria that she is Queen."

Two other tests.

Mr. Piddington then chose the subject of Thomas à Becket being murdered in Canterbury Cathedral. Professor Murray, on coming into the room, said: "This is something horrible, someone has been murdered in a church." He then being murdered in the King's Library, and another was Mr. Piddington, President of the Society of Psychical Research. Professor Murray was in the dining-room, which was separated from the drawing-room by a large apartment 30 feet wide. The drawing-room door was also shut. One of the party of seven said in a very low voice that he was thinking of Queen Victoria learning that she was next in succession to the throne. Professor Murray was brought into the room, and Mr. Piddington held him lightly by the hand. The Professor said: "It is something in a book. No; it is a picture. It is the news coming to Queen Victoria that she is Queen."

Lord Balfour then chose the subject of Sir Robert Walpole talking Latin to George the First. Professor Murray, on entering the room, said: "It is something eighteenth-century. Dr. Johnson meeting George the Third in the King's Library. I am sure he is talking Latin, but he didn't. I don't think I shall get it right. I am certain it is somebody talking Latin to a King."

There is no claim, as I have said, as Professor Murray's part to the possession of occult powers. Spiritualism is ruled out altogether. Nevertheless, it is uncanny and beyond explanation in the light of present knowledge. Lord Balfour's opinion is summed up in a sentence. "I would urge," he said, "everyone who really wants to make a true picture of the world in which we live to remember that these experiments are conclusively proved that there is a wholly unknown, unexplained, unaccounted method of traversing space between two self-conscious organisms in a manner on which no theory of sound or electricity or any theory on which we have the dimmest notion can at the moment throw any light." For the time being we must leave it at that.

ANGLO-GERMAN TRADE.

There seems to be a consensus of opinion that the conclusion of a trade agreement between Britain and Germany is proof that this weary post-war world is at last turning again towards stability. We are a long way off stability yet, but the agreement is a definite step in that direction. For one thing it is a sign of sanity, a realisation that Germany cannot be permanently excluded from recognition on equal terms in the affairs of nations—and it marks the end of the distorted view of things which was inevitable after the war. This is not to say that all is forgotten, or that the past is wiped out; but it does mean that Britain is the first Allied country openly to admit that, as we have got to live with Germany, the sensible thing is to resume trade relations on terms that will be satisfactory.

The agreement follows the lines usual in international instruments of that kind. There will, of course, be a German tariff against British goods as there is a tariff against the goods of other nations, but where the operation of the tariff is shown to be detrimental the question is to be specially considered. This allows of the revision of the agreement in the light of experience. Moreover, an important point has been decided—namely, that Germany cannot hereafter raise existing tariffs against British goods. Post-war trade with Germany has been practically killed because British firms sending goods there often found the tariff was suddenly raised before delivery.

THE FRENCH DEBT.

Mr. Winston Churchill has given a clear indication of the Government's attitude towards war debts. Briefly, it is that if European countries intend to repay America we cannot be expected to remain passive. The French owe us far more than they owe the United States, and they are proposing to annul their American debt.

It may be noted that public opinion is entirely with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he defied British policy. Speaking in the House of Commons a few days ago he said:—"We consider it essential that any payments made by our debtors in Europe to their creditors in the United States should be accompanied simultaneously *pari passu* by proportionate payments to Great Britain. That policy the Government will try to pursue in the months and years which lie before us, and in pursuing it they would be animated by a spirit of the warmest comradeship towards our friends and allies in the war, and would avoid the use of any language or indulgence in any method which might possibly be the cause of offence and lead to disturbance of the harmony between nations."

This puts the case very well, without cause of offence. By far the greater part of the money we borrowed from America was borrowed on behalf of our allies in the war. While this country is carrying a crushing burden of taxation, maintained at a level unknown in any country, we are paying back America what we borrowed with interest. Is it, therefore, unreasonable to expect the French to arrange to discharge their debt to us before paying a smaller debt they owe to America?

MR. ASQUITH.

In political circles one hears Mr. Asquith's future frequently discussed. He had the bad luck to lose his seat at Finsley at the General Election, and he is now spending the winter in Egypt. It is quite characteristic of the man, who has always been full of courage and dogged tenacity, that he has declared that he will "fight again" to get back to the House of Commons; and there has been talk of providing him with a "safe seat" if some Liberal would be obliging enough to retire in his favour.

There is, however, small prospect of finding a man willing to make such a sacrifice, for what could the Liberal Party offer in return. A little while back Mr. Asquith was the most criticised man in political life, being held blame-worthy for the evil fortunes of the Liberal Party, which is not true, and for lack of driving force in the leadership, which is unfair, because true leadership has been impossible with Mr. Lloyd George on the scene at the head of a section of Liberals. Many other things have been said about Mr. Asquith, but he has treated his critics with cold disdain, never taking the trouble to reply to any charges levelled against him. His dignity in defeat after holding the highest office in



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THE NATURE OF BACHELORS.

There is a bachelor in Hans Andersen, an old bachelor, a pantaloon of a man, and though he wore a nightcap and lived up a wooden staircase above a wooden shop, he can have been by no means one of early martyrs. Poor fellow, he is only an example. He has the marks of bachelorhood—the brands they had been called—set on him by good citizens of his town and alas! by dear Hans himself. The old bachelor dies, as the newspapers put it, of exposure and starvation, but Hans cunningly makes us think it was a broken heart. That is one of the marks. The citizens of yesterday and to-day put that brand upon bachelors, that they die or are dying or languish or starve because some ancient flame has burned out the living desire. The old bachelor does not deny it, for if he did he would deny the last fragment of his self-esteem. It is his last luxury, a rose in the bud, a flame. But if it were possible to catch old bachelors asleep, which no one can do, since they sleep so uneasily, it would be discovered that they truly grieve; but not for love. They grieve for lack of it, and because they did not rise, as I do here, to protest against the chains which smug townspeople put on them. For, ladies, did you only take off him this hard word, this word that drives him through the snow to his bachelor fortress where no words ever come, these old bachelors would have well strided and trained him to be a husband. Did you only bring him among the young people round your hearth, you would see from his eyes and his quietness in a corner, and from his strange words of thanks, how his ice was melting in your warmth, and perceiving the image of yourself in his mind you would say indignantly to your husband, "I am surprised. Henry, that you did not see the man was a poet!"

But alas! who ever heard of a kind, courteous, loving, unselfish bachelor? No one in this world, though may be they have righted the business in the next. No, the women put the curse on him. He is an old bachelor, they say, or even a monk of a man, and thereafter his years cover him one by one, with kind-hearted abuse, like barnacles on a good ship. A crafty old bachelor, a cunning old bachelor, a lean old bachelor, and, to end all other words, a real old bachelor; and when at last his ears, grown long by their sensitiveness, catch that word, he knows very well it is time for him to put on his nightcap and go snuffing up the wooden steps over the shop to die of exposure and starvation and a broken heart. Consider how hard is his fate! As soon as his comrades pair off, the first warning is chartered from kobold. They hang waiting in the caves over the corner where nobody will come to meet him in a fur tippet. Let us suppose he is a lusty young fellow, but shy or unlucky or uncertain or scholarly. He says he doesn't mind; but his comrades are married, and their wives are gossips, and their wives are good abouts or strangers. They are good to him; he is one of their friends, he becomes a fading satellite of the fixed planet maybe, but he is a solitary, and may sit down in his room with liberty to roast a herring, free to garnish his room, to mend his stockings, to read a book, and, when the first November winds come rattling the doors, he is at liberty to make up his mind whether he will light a fire or not. And he will be free, too, to address a question to the newel-post of the staircase leading to the shop, and maybe the wind will answer him. For no bachelor keeps a dog; it is too near a reminder of his solitary state, whereas a newel-post or a snuff-box are so remote they might, as it were, be people of another race, especially if it carved or inlaid. It is these conversations which make kobolds chuckle very loudly. And it is on these nights, when the bachelor goes puffing and blowing to his place and lights a great fire, and opens a small keg of salted fillets and takes a piece of liver sausage and wonders whether the Linburger will disagree with him again, that he really becomes a bachelor. For it is in the winter that he shuts the windows and double locks the doors and piles wood on the hearth to make a blaze, saying to himself how cheerful this is, and, so doing, wonders all at once whether the kobold would come, and immediately puts more wood on till the room is like a furnace, declaring loudly to the newel-post and the bottom of the stairs that all is snug, and cosy and sufficient. If it then that the kobolds begin to jeer so loudly that he bolts the door top and bottom to keep them out. It is then the gossips begin on him. He is out-cast, to be solitary for ever. Who would marry an old bachelor? Even the children know. Who was Old Roger but an old bachelor? "Old Roger is dead and he's laid in his grave. He! No! laid in his grave." How they mock him! And they planted an apple tree over his head, so the song goes. It was meant as a reminder of his unfruitfulness. And they have another song which can best be sung running round the poor man, pointing: "He's an old bachelor, he's growing old." To hear that song is to know how a tone can help the sting of the words. The old bachelor grows older at ten years the verse, and by the time it is ended he is ready to go back to his great fire and look into the logs for dream children who will never sing those songs. So do you, gentle reader, remember these things when next the word rises to your lips, and go briskly to the right about of it, saying "Stuff and nonsense," and do not teach your little children any of those songs, least of all this:

Out, out wood, poor bachelor so good.
Go take your nightcap and to rest,
For 'tis the nightcap suits you best.
For this song is the most cruel and distressing to bachelors, and he sure that if you so much as mention it the kobold will carry the news, and that will be fatal for then no longer on this earth will the old bachelors trouble to fill the keg of fillets, the plate of sausage, and the dish of Linburger cheese. —DONALD BOYD in the Manchester Guardian.

WEATHER REPORT.

January 19th at 17.35.—Pressure changes are small since this morning.
Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 15 hours, Jan. 19th, 0.11 inch. Total since January 1st, 2.00 inches, against an average of 0.59 inches.
The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Jan. 20th is as follows:—
District: Forecast: Force: N. winds, fresh; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist.
Famona Channel: do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, January 19th

Previous Day	On Date	On Date
at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer ... 30.06	30.12	30.06
Temperature ... 55	51	56
Humidity ... 75	89	71
Wind Direction ... N	NNE	N
Force ... 1	B	0
Weather ... Cloud	B	0
Rain ... 0.59	0.0	0.20

Highest open-air Temperature on 19th ... 57
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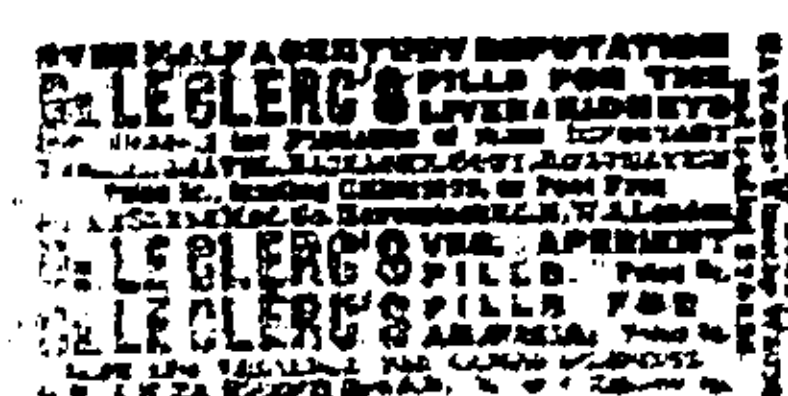
HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 20th to 26th, 1925.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		H.K. Standard Time	Height	H.K. Standard Time	Height
Tues.	20	5 37	4 5	10 53	3 0
Wed.	21	5 42	4 5	10 59	3 0
Thurs.	22	5 57	4 4	11 12	3 1
Fri.	23	6 32	4 4	11 44	3 1
Sat.	24	7 21	4 3	12 14	3 1
Sun.	25	8 53	4 3	1 27	3 0
Mon.	26	9 47	4 3	2 28	3 0
		10 32	4 3	3 14	3 0
		11 15	4 3	4 58	3 0
		12 27	4 3	5 51	3 0

RED STAMP SWINDLE.

"Stamp collectors, beware!" This is the warning of Mr. George H. Jaeger, the stamp sage of the Baltic, who lives in Libau, Latvia.
Mr. Jaeger has received information from Moscow that the Bolshevik Government has formed a stamp monopoly which will seek to provide British and other collectors with endless issues of rare and limited issues of Bolshevik stamps.
Mr. Jaeger reports that the stamp monopoly considers England and the United States the best markets for these issues and that shortly offices will be opened in London, New York and Paris.
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SHANGHAI	"SUISANG"	Friday	23rd Jan. 5 p.m.
BALPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Sunday	25th Jan. 10 a.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	"CHAKSANG"	Monday	26th Jan. 7 a.m.
TRINGIAU via SWATOW	"YAT HING"	Tuesday	27th Jan. 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"LOKSANG"	Wednesday	28th Jan. 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Wednesday	28th Jan. 5 p.m.
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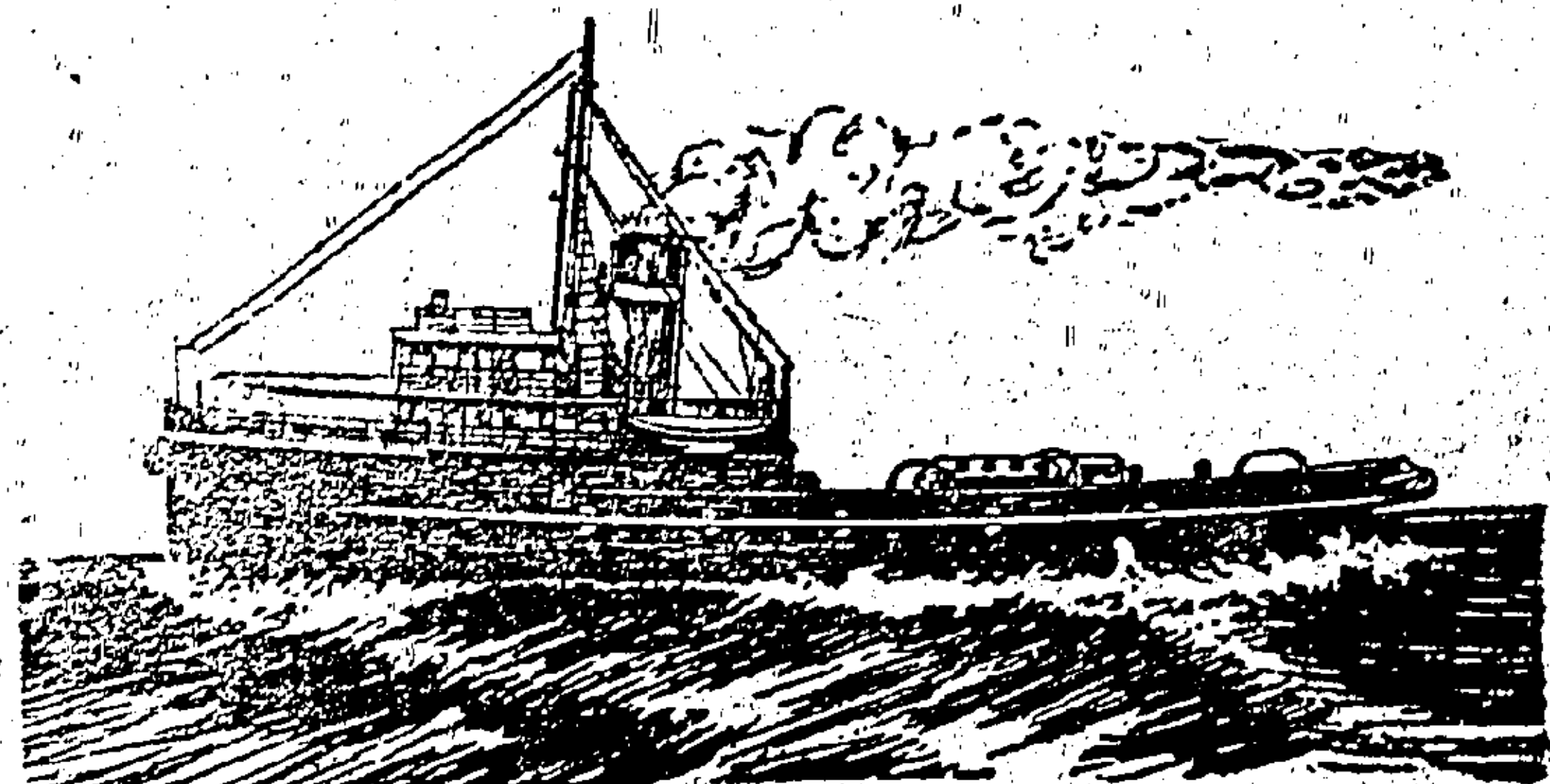
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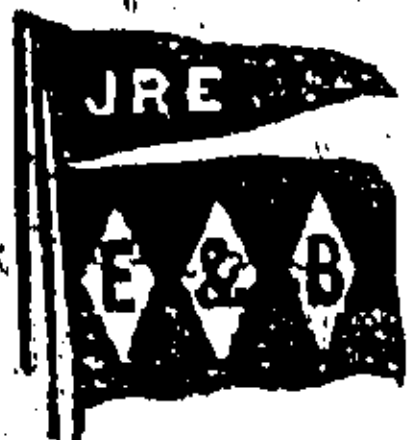
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"BOUDAN"	8,886	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SICILIA"	8,813	31st Feb.	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th Mar.	Moji & Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,902	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KARMA"	9,098	21st Mar.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	3rd Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Apr.	Moji & Kobe
"SARDINIA"	8,884	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"NAGOYA"	8,884	23rd Apr.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	1st May	do.
"TAKADA"	6,948	9th May	Moji & Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,115	15th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	21st May	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	6th June	Moji & Kobe
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DALNY & TIENTSIN	"KASHING"	On 21st Jan., 4 p.m.
HOHOW & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 22nd Jan., 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SENGHAI"	On 24th Jan., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KANGHAI"	On 24th Jan., Noon.
HAIPHONG	"CHINHUA"	On 28th Jan., D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGHAI"	On 27th Jan., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 1st Feb., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 3rd Feb., 11 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 7th Feb., D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KANGTUNG"	On 8th Feb., 11 a.m.
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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
AUSTRALIA & MANILA ... U.S.A., HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI and Europe via Siberia (London, 26th Dec. 1924)	Eastern ...	20th Jan.
JAVA ...	Pres. Lincoln ...	20th Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Tientsin ...	21st Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Changhai ...	21st Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Liangchow ...	21st Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Tientsin ...	21st Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Kashmir ...	23rd Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Pres. Jackson ...	24th Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Tientsin ...	24th Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Pres. of Australia ...	26th Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Katani Maru ...	27th Jan.
SHANGHAI ...	Katani Maru ...	27th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Fakhoi and Haiphong ... Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 21st January	Limehow ...	Tuesday, 20th, 8.00 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta ... Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... Straits and Calcutta ...	Ali Maru ...	Registration Letters ... 8.30 A.M. 11.30 A.M.
Straits ... Manila ... Fort Bayard ... Bangkok ... Straits ... Fort Bayard ...	Taiada ... Haitong ... Laisang ... Tiden ... Colorado ... Chung King ... Hank ... Glenora ... too Lee ...	8.45 A.M. 8.30 A.M. 1.00 P.M. 2.30 P.M. 2.30 P.M. 4.00 P.M. 4.30 P.M. 5.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M.
Wei Hai Wei ... Dairen ... Dairen, Japan and Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially super- scribed "Via Siberia" only)	Haichow ...	Wednesday, 21st, 2.30 P.M.
Manila ...	Changhai ...	2.30 P.M.
Haichow and Haiphong ... Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa ...	Taming ...	Thursday, 22nd, 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow ... Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due via Vancouver, B.C., 8th Feb.—Ship sails at daylight on Friday the 23rd Jan.	Haiching ...	Noon
Swatow ...	Emp. of Canada ...	Parcels for Canada only— 8.30 A.M. Registration Letters ... 5.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M.
Japan and Honolulu ... Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Mar- seille—due Marseilles 24th Feb. Straits, Japan and Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially super- scribed "Via Siberia" only)	Kingsing ...	Friday, 23rd, 10.30 A.M.
Manila ... Shanghai ...	Rakuyo Maru ...	Noon
Haichow and Haiphong ... Manila ... Swatow and Bangkok ... Haiphong ... Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Kalyan ...	Registration Letters ... 5.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M.
Swatow and Bangkok ... Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Mar- seille—due Marseilles 24th Feb. Straits, Japan and Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially super- scribed "Via Siberia" only)	Suisang ...	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Mar- seille—due Marseilles 24th Feb.	Katani Maru ...	Wednesday, 25th, 8.30 A.M.
Haiphong, Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Mar- seille—due Marseilles 4th March— Ship sails at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the 1st February	Mingwang ...	Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
	Pres. Jackson ...	9.00 A.M.
	Changhai ...	9.00 A.M.
	Katani Maru ...	9.00 A.M.
	Kuangchow ...	Tuesday, 27th, 9.30 A.M.
	Sarpedon ...	Registration Letters ... 9.45 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
	Katani Maru ...	10.00 A.M.
	Katani Maru ...	Wednesday, 28th, 8.45 A.M.
	Katani Maru ...	Registration Letters ... 9.30 A.M.
	Katani Maru ...	Saturday, 31st, 4.15 P.M.
	Ambois ...	Reg. Letters ... 5.00 P.M.

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Credits, at 4 months' sight ...	— 2 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ...	— 2 1/2
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	— 1,03 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	— 1,13 1/2
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	— 55 1/2
Credits, at 30 days' sight ...	— 57 1/2
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	— 156 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ...	— 156 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	— 156 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ...	— 156 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.
Bank Bills, 30 days' sight ...	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand ...	144 1/2
ON MANILA.—On demand ...	11 1/2
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand ...	137 1/2
ON BATAVIA.—On demand ...	nom.
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